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<b>In re Application of:</b>	Luciano, Jr. et al.	<b>Examiner:</b>	Jasson H. Yoo
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<b>Title:</b>	<b>HIGH GRANULARITY PROMOTION-BASED AWARDS AND USE IN GAMING ENVIRONMENTS</b>		
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**AMENDMENT / REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

This amendment is timely filed in response to the Office action mailed January 9, 2008.

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 153-156, 158-166, and 168-171 are pending in the present application. Claims 157 and 167 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 153-171 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 153-155, 157-165 and 167-171 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Walker et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,227,972) in view of Kamille (U.S. Patent No. 5,931,467). Claims 156 and 166 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Walker et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,227,972) in view of Kamille (U.S. Patent No. 5,931,467) as applied to claims 153 and 162 above, and further in view of Walker et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,364,765). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims.